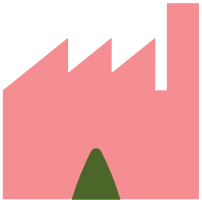



Making innovation work for a green future in Nigeria

WIPO National Intellectual Property
essay competition

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Every April 26, we celebrate the World Intellectual Property Day to learn about the role that intellectual property rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. This year, the World Intellectual Property Day puts innovation – and the intellectual property rights that support it – at the heart of efforts to create a green future. Why? Because the choices we make today will shape our tomorrow. The earth is our home. We need to care for it.



As part of efforts to celebrate this day, the WIPO Nigeria Office welcomes the participation of all students of tertiary institutions¹ across Nigeria in a National Intellectual Property Essay Competition. In line with the theme for the World Intellectual Property Day, essay entries should address the topic **“Making innovation work for a green future in Nigeria.”**



Innovation happens everywhere: from energy to food, water pollution to auto services, traditional lifestyles to construction, waste management to fashion. How can we ensure, that such innovation contributes towards a greener future for Nigeria, and what role, if any, can intellectual property play in the process?

Essay entries on the topic **“Making innovation work for a green future in Nigeria.”** will be assessed for factual accuracy, imagination, originality and innovative thought, by an independent expert panel of judges drawn from leading intellectual property practitioners, policy experts, scholars and regulators from across the country.

Participation will provide students with an unparalleled opportunity to research and learn more about the field of intellectual property, and contribute fresh ideas to the narrative around sustainable and environmentally-friendly innovation in Nigeria.

Who can participate?

This competition is open to all registered students of tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

What will the judges look for?

1. Originality.
2. Clarity of expression, flow, and thought.
3. Relevance and practicality of essay within the local Nigerian context.
4. Relevance of essay to the field of intellectual property.
5. Contribution of essay to relevant national, regional, or international developments in the area selected by the author.

What is up for grabs?

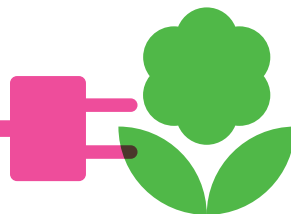
- Author of the winning essay will be awarded a scholarship by the WIPO Academy to attend the WIPO Summer School in South Africa.
- Authors of the top three essays will receive special WIPO gift packages, including official WIPO certificates of achievement.
- Authors of the top 10 essays will be invited to participate in an intellectual property study tour of key intellectual property institutions in Nigeria, facilitated by the WIPO Nigeria Office.
- Authors of the top 10 essays will receive scholarships for WIPO Academy Distance Learning and/or Blended IP Training in international/subregional programs.
- Top entries will be submitted to the editors of the *WIPO Magazine* for possible publication.²
- Several other exciting intellectual property learning and professional prizes will be won!

Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and should be submitted to nigeria.office@wipo.int

on or before midnight, May 26, 2020

with the subject title: Initial.Surname_WIPD Essay Competition (e.g., T.Olayemi_WIPD Essay Competition).

Winners will be announced in June.



1 Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education

2 This will be in line with the publication schedule, and may be subject to further review by the magazine's editorial board